Visit of US military delegation to Arunachal Pradesh

271. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any delegation of the US Government or US military visited Arunachal Pradesh recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A joint mission of US Joint prisoners of War/Mission in Action Accounting Command (JPAC) team and Indian Air Force had undertaken a mission at Mariang in Arunachal Pradesh from October 17-November 21, 2008 to search and recover remains of US servicemen from the crash site of US aircraft during World War II. During the mission, the survey team had identified the remains of one of the US aircraft of the 14th USAF 308th Bomber Group based upon engine serial number and gun number at the crash site.

Assistance to dependents of martyrs of Kargil war

†272. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of petrol pump, gas agency and funds allocated to the dependents of martyrs of Kargil war;

(b) whether the fund or petrol pump and gas agency announced by Government has been allocated to the dependents of all martyrs;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) to (d) A total of 446 outlets comprising of 302 retail outlets and 144 LPG distributorships have been allotted. However 2 retail outlets and 1 LPG distributorship are pending for commissioning.

Compensation package has been paid to all 523 fatal causalities and to 165 disabled boarded out soldiers. Details of funds allocated from NDF to the next of kin/dependants of martyrs are as under :

Fatal Casualties

(a) *Ex-gratia* (Central Government)	Rs.10 lakh
(b) NDF Package	
(i) Dwelling Unit	Rs.5 Lakh
(ii) Parent Assistance (Where parents are not NOK)	Rs.2 Lakh

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.